

To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I drive truck as a team and have had XM Radio for over a year. I was resistant to paying for a service we could get on the public airwaves for free. Last year I asked my husband what he wanted for his birthday and he simply said XM Radio. We then set out to find the best service and set up we could afford.

At first we had some trouble due to the type of antenna we bought. We purchased a different antenna and it took me all of about 24 hours to be hooked.

Because of one of our drivers contracting cancer and we needed to get our truck back home I am driving our third truck. It does not have XM Radio and I am listing to "FREE RADIO". I do MISS MY XM RADIO!

As for the local stations pitching a fit about the addition of the Traffic and weather stations in the line up they are being ridiculous. Most stations and radios today do not cater to the AM Band and this is where most traffic reports take place.

I do not like FM Stations, so this issue is lost on me. I would like to point out some of the reason I have felt the XM Radio needed to place this service in affect and told my husband XM Radio would be perfect if it would give the traffic reports, as they already had the weather channel. About a year later I heard the announcement of the City weather and Traffic channels. Now it is almost PERFECT RADIO!

There are some safety issues that need to be addressed in this debate; I would like to bring these into perspective at this time.

1. When driving during the local rush hour times and approaching the local city by the time you can find a station that is dedicated to traffic and weather you are in town or too close to deviate your route in the event you know the city well enough to make this maneuver. You are now part of the slow down or parking lot of what is commonly known as a freeway. In the short time XM Radio has been giving the local Traffic and Weather reports I have been able to change my route in plenty of time to avoid the problem. This also has some side notes listed below.

A. Less time Idling in traffic, putting less pollutants in the air.

B. Less time idling also means burning less precious resources in the form of Diesel fuel.

C. Less dependence on the volatile of the Oil Flow from the Middle East.

D. Less money being spent that is blowing out of our Exhaust Stacks that can be spent elsewhere to help strengthen the economy.

E. There is a much better chance the load can be delivered or picked up on time. Which again works with many points as stated above.

2. There is a campaign to eliminate distracted driving, what is more distracting than trying to enter a strange city or one you do not live in or near and fiddling with the radio trying to find a local station. Then waiting for the traffic report to come on. With XM Radio I can program it long before I get near the city and start listening to any problems due to Traffic or weather and plan my trip accordingly long before I get to the city. Look at the number of trucks running into out of and around a city each day. This should be evident the advantage of this service.

3. The current weather Channel 125 that is dedicated to the national and regional weather is good for long distance planning and does do some for the large cities but that is just general information. The weather Report for the local cities give a much better breakdown of what is currently happening at the time. This could become important during severe storms and could give the driver the time to make the choice of continuing on or find a safe place to sit out the bad weather. Again this could have ramifications to the economy in the loss or lack thereof for a vehicle and a load or the injury of the driver.

4. I do not believe it is financially feasible to have a dedicated channel for Traffic and weather on the free airwaves, if it were it would have been in place already. XM Radio is providing a necessary service mostly for the driving public.

I know the truck driving industry is not looked upon favorably by the general public, but remember the Trucking Industry popularized satellite radio. I would like to also state I know most of the truck drivers do not vote. My husband and I are registered voters and do vote in most all elections.

Please consider the industry that you are going to effect by your actions of imposing this band to the Traffic and weather stations you are considering at this

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time.

Thank you for your time considering this matter.

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